

# SENATE BILL 129

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By: **Senator Glassman**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force to Study the Development of Wetland Teaching Projects at**  
3 **Secondary Schools**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing the Task Force to Study the Development of Wetland  
5 Teaching Projects at Secondary Schools; providing for the composition, chair,  
6 and staffing of the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from  
7 receiving compensation; providing that a member of the Task Force may receive  
8 reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring the Task Force to study State  
9 regulations governing the development of certain wetland projects at secondary  
10 schools in the State; requiring the Task Force to make certain  
11 recommendations; requiring the Task Force to report certain findings and  
12 recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a  
13 certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to  
14 the Task Force to Study the Development of Wetland Teaching Projects at  
15 Secondary Schools.

16 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
17 MARYLAND, That:

18 (a) There is a Task Force to Study the Development of Wetland Teaching  
19 Projects at Secondary Schools.

20 (b) The Task Force consists of the following members:

21 (1) one member of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President  
22 of the Senate;

23 (2) one member of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of  
24 the House;

25 (3) the Secretary of the Environment, or the Secretary's designee;

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (4) a representative of soil conservation districts in the State,  
2 appointed by the Chairman of the State Soil Conservation Committee;

3 (5) a representative of the State's Tributary Strategy Teams,  
4 appointed by the Secretary of Natural Resources;

5 (6) one regular member of the State Board of Education, appointed by  
6 the President of the State Board of Education;

7 (7) the student member of the State Board of Education; and

8 (8) one representative from the Chesapeake Bay Foundation.

9 (c) The Governor shall designate the chair of the Task Force.

10 (d) The State Department of Education shall provide staff for the Task Force.

11 (e) A member of the Task Force:

12 (1) may not receive compensation as a member of the Task Force; but

13 (2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard  
14 State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

15 (f) The Task Force shall:

16 (1) study State regulations governing the development of wetland  
17 projects at secondary schools in the State designed to teach students about wastewater  
18 discharge, stormwater runoff, and other environmental issues; and

19 (2) make recommendations regarding steps the State can take to  
20 streamline the regulations studied under item (f)(1) of this subsection.

21 (g) On or before December 31, 2011, the Task Force shall report its findings  
22 and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State  
23 Government Article, the General Assembly.

24 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
25 July 1, 2011. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of June 30,  
26 2012, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be  
27 abrogated and of no further force and effect.